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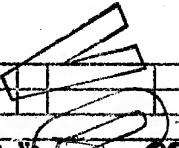
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1. Semeonov stated that the time had actually arrived for the termination of "revolutionary actions", i.e. sequestrations, land reform, lack of personal security, lack of police protection, etc., in the Eastern Zone. Dertinger asked why this had been promised so often before, and had not been carried out. Semeonov explained that up until now Russian policy in Germany had been primarily for the benefit of the SED, but that anyone could see that Russian policy had changed in as much as he rather than Col. Sergei I. Tyulpanov had taken over the political direction of Germany. The Soviet Union now realized that sponsorship of the SED had merely brought discredit to the Soviet Union in the eyes of the Germans. The future developments of the world now made it essential that Russia have a political ally in a seemingly non-Communist united Germany. Thus Russia was not interested in setting up a Communist "People's Democracy" in Germany, but rather in creating a united Germany, as a neighbor and political ally.
2. Semeonov stated that for the first time the SED had been ordered to cooperate with the other political parties. The SED will, of course, be the strongest party in the Soviet Zone in many respects, and will continue to hold the reins in many fields, but the Soviet administration will now look with equal favor upon the activities of other political parties. Semeonov further stated that the security organs of the Eastern Zone are now entirely controlled by the SED, but that in the near future this situation would be investigated, and representatives of other parties would be included. At any rate, Dertinger might rest assured that the Eastern Zone would no longer be a tournament field in which the power and terrorist actions of one party would be supreme. However, the prerequisite for such a change would, of course, be the absolute cooperation of all parties with the representatives of the Soviet Union.

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3. Semeonov stated that there was one important action that must be undertaken by all parties, and groups [redacted] organizations in the Eastern Zone. They must attempt to prevent the formation of the Western State, and prevent the adoption of the Ruhr Statute and the Occupation Statute. Every party, group, and individual who had any connections with [redacted] politicians, clergy, teachers, trade unions, political parties, or church groups in the western zones, must do everything possible to convince them that the Soviet Union desires to form a strong united German ally, and not another Communist People's Democracy. All [redacted] must mobilize their western friends in an effort to prevent a decisive western action. Semeonov further stated that travel arrangements and money would be provided for any trips made in this connection.

25X1X 4. [redacted] whether this present Soviet policy was directed at obtaining representation on the Ruhr Control Council; Semeonov responded that the Soviet Union was no longer interested in controlling any German property.

25X1X 5. [redacted] that in the foreseeable future a CDU news service might be authorized. This would consist of pamphlets, containing news primarily from Russian sources which could be circulated by the CDU in the western zones.

25X1A [redacted] Comment: Similar statements have recently been made to CDU and LDP politicians by Col. Tyulpanov and Lt. Col. Slavin.)

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